



O, WHAT ROBBERY

"Teachers" Kept on the School Board Pay Rolls,

Who Never See the Inside of a School.

One Woman Who Hasn't Worked for a Year Draws \$166 a Month.

It is time that a special grand jury was called to investigate the Board of Education.

Its methods are simply scandalous. With thousands of poor little children unable to get tuition on account of lack of money to build schools, the board can afford to keep some of its favorites upon the pay roll who do not perform a tap of work.

There is no excuse whatever for such conduct as this, inasmuch as the board reserves to itself, in its printed rules, the right to lay off, discharge, or suspend teachers at any time during the school year, either "with or without cause."

One woman who was deposed from the principalship of a North Side school for cause, has for months been drawing \$166 for doing nothing.

The money all comes out of the pockets of the taxpayers, who get no equivalent whatsoever for it.

This same woman, who is drawing \$166 a month for nothing, has a husband who has a good business, and together they have just put up a flat building costing \$23,000.

How do the tax-payers like this sort of thing?

And yet this woman who does not teach, who does nothing but draw her salary at the end of every month, is the same one who, in July last, the majority of the Committee on School Management declared was "unfit to be a teacher in our public schools."

This matter will be presented to the Grand Jury at an early date, and the hoodlums who are responsible for this condition of affairs will have to face the music.

This instance is only one of dozens. Investigate the Board of Education!

Special studies in German, physical culture, drawing, sewing, and singing were arraigned at Wednesday night's meeting of the Board of Education on a motion to discontinue them in the primary grades. J. J. Badenoch made the motion, but limited its application to the primary grades. He brought forth his sweeping proposition during a discussion on clay modeling. A. S. Trude called up a report of the Committee on School Management, recommending that clay modeling be abolished after present year. A motion to refer with instructions to report special studies was voted down 7 ayes, 13. Mr. Badenoch called a substitute, including German, physical culture, drawing, sewing, and singing in the primary grades, in the clay modeling resolution, which was offered in amendment, calling for the appointment of a special committee of five to be instructed to report a plan for abolishing all the "fads" in grammar, primary, and high schools.

Substitutes were offered changing the membership of the special committee from seven to the whole board. A motion to refer the amended report recommending that clay modeling, German, physical culture, drawing, sewing, and singing be abolished in the primary grades to a committee of the whole prevailed, disposing of the subject. The board will meet Thursday night, Feb. 23, to receive the report of the committee of the whole. Mr. Brennan had referred to

this committee a proposition to establish one room for manual training in each school in place of the special studies.

A committee report suspected of a tendency to promote a real estate deal had a hard time. It was passed at a previous meeting, but was called up for reconsideration by A. H. Revell. The report accepted a donation of 100 feet of land by the West Pullman Land Association and recommended the purchase of 125 adjoining feet at \$26 a foot and the erection of a sixteen-room school, eight rooms to be completed this year. Mr. Revell objected to an expenditure of \$7,500 in the suburbs when children were attending down-town in double divisions. He said the district contained but fifty families, and that a school was not needed. "There is no reason," said Mr. Warner, "why the Board should not accept a good thing. Usually we pay for all we get. The erection of a school at the proposed point would relieve the Scanlan School. A manufacturing company has located at West Pullman and will bring 2,500 employees." As a compromise the report was recommitted to the Committee on Buildings and Grounds, whence it came.

Another controversy arose on the confirmation of the salary list for the architect's office. It was submitted by Chairman Rosenthal, of the Building and Grounds Committee, and is as follows:

	Per week.
Joseph Haigh, Chief Superintendent	\$50
A. L. Bradley, Assistant Superintendent	30
H. Pistorius, draftsman	20
Wm. Fiedler, draftsman	15
Office boy	6

Mr. Badenoch charged that the salary at the head of the list was too large, and said the architect had recommended only \$30. He amended to fix the salary at the latter amount. The list was confirmed. A. H. Vanzwoll, Superintendent of the public evening schools, sent in his resignation. Continued ill-health was assigned as the reason for retirement. It was referred to the Committee on School Management.

OBITUARY.

MRS. FRANCIS A. HOFFMANN, JR.
The thousands of friends of Hon. Francis A. Hoffman, Jr., were shocked early in the week by the announcement of the death of his wife, which occurred at the family home, at Elmhurst, Ill. The deceased lady was a woman of superior abilities and charming manners, and besides her sorrowing husband she leaves an eight-months-old infant.

Mr. Hoffman has the condolence of all who know him.

MRS. N. D. LAUGHLIN.
Popular and good-hearted Nick Laughlin, the manager of Gore's Hotel, has met with a loss of almost crushing severity in the death of his young bride of only a few months. On an occasion like this it is hard to supply condolence with words sufficient to cover the case, but if sincere sympathy can give balm to a wounded heart, Mr. Laughlin has that of the legion of friends who know him but to love and respect him.

So many Boston physicians fell into the way of assigning heart failure as the cause of death that the Board of Health refused to accept such certificates and demanded a more exact statement of causes. They might as well have said that their patients died because they were "short of breath." The old familiar phrase as truly represents the cause of death in many cases as does heart failure. Indeed, death comes either through stoppage of the heart's action or stopping of breathing. One may take brief precedence over the other, but neither shortness of breath nor heart failure can supply a satisfactory statement of the cause of death for statistical record.

It has been estimated that machinery is performing 90 per cent. of the manufacturing labor of this country, and that the remaining 10 per cent. is performed by men, women and children. One cotton spinning machine can do as much work today as 100 operators could do two generations ago. A single little shop with improved machinery can now turn out more than could formerly 50,000 slave-makers who had hand work. One spinning machine can do the work of fifty men with hand looms.

READY FOR WAR.

Rival Candidates Have Opened Up Headquarters.

The Mayoralty Contest Growing in Heat and Bitterness.

More Aldermanic Candidates in the Field than Ever Before.

Both of the candidates for the Mayoralty have opened up headquarters. Mr. Hesing has opened his in the Equitable Building, corner of Washington and Dearborn streets, and Mr. Harrison has established his headquarters at the Briggs House.

The fight is getting exceedingly bitter, and it is hard to say where it will end.

Mr. Henry Stuckart is looming up as a candidate for City Treasurer, and in the event of Mr. Harrison's nomination for Mayor will come pretty close to getting there.

IN THE TWENTIETH.
Mr. Thomas Hanton, whose friends are urging his nomination for Alderman of the Twentieth Ward, is an old and highly esteemed citizen who has grown up from boyhood in the district he seeks to represent.

He is thoroughly competent, honest and upright, and if elected will make a model Alderman.

He favors clean streets, clean alleys, clean sewers and an improved public service.

Mr. William Eck is a well-known carriage maker.

Mr. Daniel Long is prominently mentioned as an Aldermanic candidate on the Democratic ticket. He is not an office-seeker, and it is only his sterling worth that now causes his name to be so favorably received. If Mr. Long accepts the nomination, which will, if he receives it, be without his own efforts, his election will be virtually conceded, and the Twentieth Ward will be represented in our City Council in a manner worthy of her varied important interests.

Mr. Long has been for the past thirty-five years connected with the firm of Ellison, Fiersheim & Co.; before that he worked as a machinist and engineer for a number of years. He has served one term in the Council with distinction and with credit to himself and his constituents. He is one of the largest property owners and heaviest taxpayers in the ward. A Chicago man, and a resident of the ward since the year of his birth, 1836, the subject of this sketch has pushed his way to the front through numerous barriers, and overcoming every obstacle, until to-day he stands a prominent type of that class of reputable self-made men, so many of whom we are proud to number among our Chicago citizens. Mr. Long is happily married and has an interesting family of four daughters and one son. His chief delight is in his home and with his family. A good husband, an indulgent father, a patriotic citizen, a successful and industrious business man, who has served the apprenticeship of manual labor and whose heart is with the sons of toil, Dan Long would make an ideal alderman.

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Town, are making a strong fight for Collector. Both have represented their constituents in the same capacity before, to their entire satisfaction.

Both are popular with the masses of the people, and they certainly look like winners: they are "a good pair to draw to."

IN THE FIRST WARD.
Mr. John H. Brunjes, one of the largest property owners and heaviest taxpayers in the First Ward, is prominently mentioned as the Democratic candidate for Alderman.

Mr. Brunjes owns the Van Buren street line of pleasure boats and steamers, among which is the "Sunbeam," the fastest boat on the lake. He is engaged in the fishing business during the winter, and utilizes the line for pleasure boats during the summer. Mr. Brunjes is a typical Chicagoan, full of business ability, unlimited pluck and energy, and above all, public-spirited. He has resided in the First Ward for ten years. He is a loyal member of the County Democracy Marching Club, and also prominent in the "Red Men" and No. 13, De Molay Lodge of Knights of Pythias. He is very popular with the young Democracy in his ward, a sterling and working Democrat, and one who has contributed liberally of his means to the cause of Democracy. Mr. Brunjes is a man of large experience; his direct and mature judgment, keen perception and far-sightedness place him in the front rank of Chicago's successful business men, and insure to the residents of his ward, if he be nominated and elected, the exercise and advantage of all these excellent qualities. He stands with his party on the tariff question, and believes that the American workman should be the producer for the world. First Ward Democrats could do no better thing than to nominate and elect Mr. Brunjes Alderman, as he would make a worthy member of the Council and look well to the varied interests of the ward.

THE CONVENTIONS.
The Democratic city convention will be held Feb. 28, and the primaries the day before.

One delegate is allowed for every 200 votes cast for Cleveland and Stevenson.

The town convention will be held Feb. 25 and the primaries Feb. 24.

PLENTY OF CANDIDATES.
People Named for Every Office in the Gift of the Voters.

Following is a list of persons talked of by their friends, or who are candidates for the various offices in the gift of the people:

Mayor.
Democrat: Carter H. Harrison, George B. Davis, Washington Hesing, John A. King, D. C. Cregier, Jacob W. Richards.

Republican: George B. Davis, George B. Swift, John M. Smyth, James A. Martin, Robert L. Sexton.

City Treasurer.
Arthur Dixon, Fred M. Blount, Fred L. Wilk.

City Attorney.
Judson F. Going, W. T. Underwood, Benjamin Richardson.

City Clerk.
Jas. R. E. VanCleave.

Assessor.
Jacob W. Richards, H. R. DeYoung, Wm. Fitzgerald, Wm. G. Leonard, Peter Lark, Henry Best.

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RYDE PARK, Andrew Hamilton, Evi Depew, E. H. Thorp, O. L. Chadwick, T. S. Quincey, C. L. Norton.

LAKE VIEW, Henry Moeng, Robert M. Simon, Frank Ketcham, James Kinlock.

JEFFERSON, Ed Simon, Walter Sawyer, Frank Brady.

SOUTH TOWN, James Cummings, Charles H. King, Henry Carroll, James Dalley.

NORTH TOWN, Frank L. Niesen, Fred Rinderer, Wm. Donahue.

WEST TOWN, Dennis Considine, William Mangler, J. W. Belmont, L. Ligenstrom, W. S. Hussander, Wm. A. Rice.

LAKE, J. C. Crain, Col. Kendall, J. C. Crain.

JEFFERSON, Peter Youngquist, Theodore Schultz, Wm. C. Hasleton.

WEST TOWN, Robert J. Arnold, Ed W. Walsh.

NORTH TOWN, John P. Doherty, Renning Crowley.

SOUTH TOWN, Edward Kennedy, J. G. Flynn, J. W. Morpha.

LAKE, J. C. Hobart, A. Larson, J. Stark.

FIRST WARD, Louis J. Epstein, Lester S. Hills, Thomas J. Major, Louis Leland, Dr. A. E. Ebert.

SECOND WARD, John W. Woodard, W. T. Orent, John Summerfield, Martin Best, Charles Sherlock, Ex-Lieut. Magner.

THIRD WARD, J. A. Dixon, Arthur Dixon, Ed Smith.

FOURTH WARD, Martin B. Madden, D. Harry Hammer, Ernest J. Magerstadt.

FIFTH WARD, John Hand, Dr. Krebs, Richard Powers.

SIXTH WARD, W. J. O'Brien, Thomas Reed, Pat Carney, John Cunningham.

SEVENTH WARD, William A. Love, Matt Lillie, M. E. Hayes, Wm. Branton, Dan Deegan.

EIGHTH WARD, Joseph Walsh, Joseph M. Webber, Dexter Burke.

NINTH WARD, Joseph E. Bidwill.

TENTH WARD, James A. Floung, William Schwert, Simon Wallner, Pleasant Amick, Henry Schroeder.

ELEVENTH WARD, William D. Kent, Wm. Thompson, Samuel G. Ade.

TWELFTH WARD, J. G. Bentler, Alexander White, Fred Boyer, A. O. Cooper, John E. Lyke.

THIRTEENTH WARD, James T. Rawleick, Fred Miller, Tom Burke, A. F. Crane, Fred Kimmuraw, E. W. Stanwood, Geo. McGregor, Louis Mack, R. A. Corlett, John H. Berners, O. M. Brady.

FOURTEENTH WARD, William Schaefer, Henry Hartel, Henry Weinhardt, C. C. Bryce, Henry L. Herr.

FIFTEENTH WARD, H. Michaelson.

SIXTEENTH WARD, George C. Lenke, Jacob Horn, Wm. F. Sinamaker, Theodore Levy.

SEVENTEENTH WARD, H. M. Deal, J. H. Schneider, S. F. Revere, Albert Obendorf.

EIGHTEENTH WARD, John J. Brennan.

NINETEENTH WARD, Ed O'Brien.

THOMAS HANTON, Matt W. Ryan, Patrick J. Morris, Daniel Wall, Joseph Koester, Michael Fitzgerald.

THOMAS HANTON, John H. Hartwick, G. K. Rice, William Eistfeldt, John Alank, Jr., Jacob Longenecker, Wm. C. Pfister.

JOHN MCGILLEN, Harry C. Farwell, Ed Muelhoefer.

DANIEL E. KELLY, John A. Linn, Arie Nelson, M. F. Gortley.

JOHN MCGILLEN, Thomas Currier, Charles Hartman, J. S. Danigan, Henry Hall.

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BUNK FOR BUNKER.

The Well-Known Merchant for State Grain Inspector.

Senator Mahoney Has Brought Him Out,

And All the Other Cook County Senators Are For Him.

Mr. George P. Bunker, the well-known pickle manufacturer, stands an excellent show of getting a first-class position—none other than that of State Grain Inspector.

Senator Joseph P. Mahoney has brought Mr. Bunker out, and feels confident that he will secure him the place.

All of the Cook County Democratic Senators have agreed to stand by Mr. Bunker's candidacy, and to wait upon Gov. Altgeld and urge the appointment.

Mr. Bunker is a well-known business man, who has served for several years in the City Council with great credit to himself and to the Democratic party, as well as to his constituents, regardless of politics. He has been Treasurer of the Democratic County Central Committee, and of the Wah-na-Tons.

Senator Mahoney is confident that he will be appointed.

As a matter of economy the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Columbus and St. Louis railroad employed a barber to tend its switches at the Alton Junction. His income from the railroad was assured, while that from his tonorial establishment depended on the time and attention he devoted to it. During a probable period of conflict between his personal interests and those of his employers, he neglected the latter, failing to set a switch at a critical moment. So the railroad's peculiar method of curtailing expenses cost indescribable agony to nearly 100 people, twenty-three human lives, fatal injuries to fourteen, and serious injury to more than fifty others. And the intelligent Coroner's jury returned a verdict in each fatal case that death was caused by burning oil accidentally exploded and thrown over the unfortunate victims.

A CHINESE anecdote of Buddha, to illustrate his observance of the first of the "ten precepts," "thou shalt not kill any living creature," relates that in the winter he hid a leuse in the hole of a tree, wrapped it in silk and regularly fed it; that he filtered his water, not for his own sake, but in order to prevent swallowing and thus destroying any living thing in it. This shows that there may be too much of a good thing even in observance of moral precepts.

The discovery that a gentleman perfected the incandescent lampway back in the sixties is not surprising. Such discoveries are always being made. However, the gentleman's ingenuity in hiding his light so effectively under a bushel is almost as remarkable as the invention, and his modesty deserves more reward than an unappreciative world is likely to bestow.

CINCINNATI, once "the hog metropolis," is again waking up, and proposes to erect \$2,000,000 stock yards and a magnificent hotel. The Queen City has large wealth, and is geographically located to control a great trade, with the South just now arousing to a new life. She has a wide and promising field, and the country will wish her prosperity.

OVER \$44,000, subscribed in several missing-word competitions, is now deposited in the British Law Courts. Five actions have been brought to determine the ownership of the money. The proprietor of one paper says he distributed \$175,000 in prizes during the run of the competitions.